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1. The Tabor [4925N-1440E] Paper Mills, National Corporation (Taborske papirny, n.p.), 1021 Kosova ulice, was being converted into the main Czechoslovak development and research center for paper processing plants. A considerable number of experienced experts in this field were employed here. The research department was headed by (fnu) Mateju.

There were about 600 employees, about 60% of whom were women.

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2. The factory was being enlarged steadily. The construction of a new production hall, 50 x 80 m. in size, was completed in the summer of 1952. Preparations were being made to enlarge the plant's own power station; a new boiler with a production capacity of 35 metric tons of steam per minute and with an automatic fueling system was acquired for this purpose.
3. The development and research department made prototypes of various paper goods which afterwards were mass-produced in other enterprises.
4. In addition, the plant made prototypes of various objects of cellulose in the following manner: Long fibered cellulose [redacted] was cut into pieces to fit the prototype in question, then was wound onto a spike and immersed in a resin solution of unknown composition, and finally put into a mould the shape of which exactly matched the prototype to be produced. This mould was heated beyond 100° C. (212° F.) and

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then processed by a 100-ton press. The factory had no such press at its disposal in the summer of 1952, although it had been ordered. Until the delivery of this press, semi-finished patterns were sent away for pressing, probably to the Armament Works (Zbrojovka).

5. The same material was used by the factory for production of various prototypes for military purposes, such as a lid with impressed threading, 75 mm. in diameter [redacted] and casings of mines to be used in laying out mine fields. The pressed products (vylisky) were precision-made, very hard but by no means brittle, and had a smooth surface. Prototypes for military purposes were classified as secret, and employees handling them were bound to strict silence by oath. 25X1
6. In April 1952 the Silon Plant, National Enterprise, at Plana nad Luznici /4921N-1442E/ requested the paper goods factory at Tabor to produce prototypes of conical bobbins for spooling of silon yarn. They were to be made out of a material particularly resistant to pressure, because silon has a high contraction coefficient. Standard bobbins as delivered by the Lanskroun Paper Mills, National Enterprise (Lanskrounske papirny, n.p.) at Lanskroun /4955N-1637E/ proved not to be adequate because of too little resistance to crushing. It was therefore decided to make bobbins out of the Tabor factory's pressure-resistant cellulose material.
7. Other objects of research were paper caps for milk bottles and paper milk containers. It was desired to use these in order to save metal and cork.
8. Besides research activities, the Tabor plant was engaged in mass production of small paper goods.

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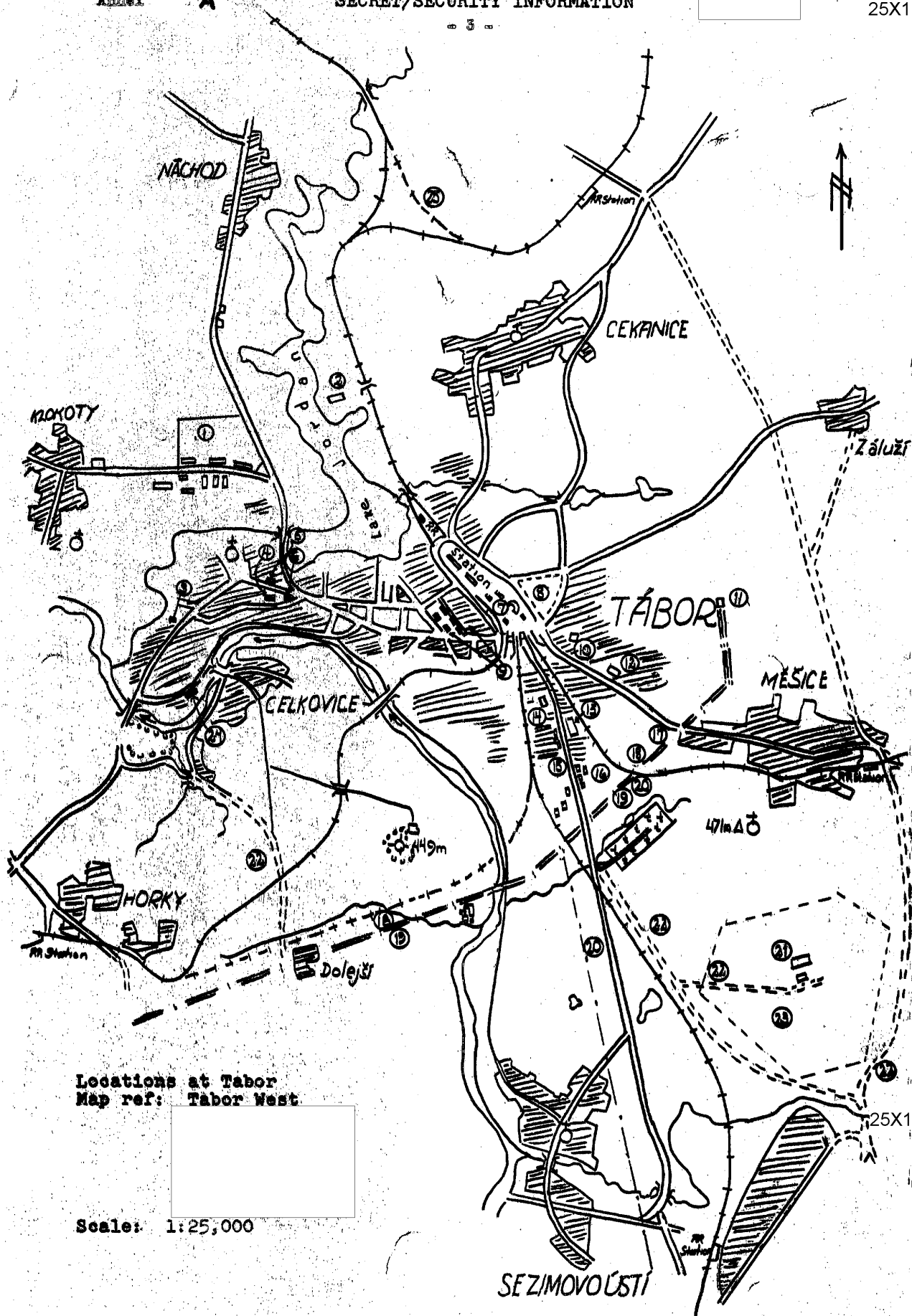
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Locations at Tabor
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Legend

1. Military barracks (tank unit)
2. Municipal water works
3. District Military Hqs
4. District National Committee
5. Military social center known as "Strelnice"
6. Communist Party Hqs
7. Roundhouse
8. Projected bus station
9. Military barracks (former tobacco factory)
10. Paper goods factory
11. Transformer station
12. CSAD bus depot
13. Meat packing plant
14. Dairy
15. Spark plug factory
16. Keg factory
17. Fire station
- 18-20. High tension lines
21. Hangars
22. Projected road
23. Airfield
24. New hospital
25. RR extension under construction

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